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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner and his supervisor for agreeing to participate in an interview conducted on August 10, 2004 with Applicant's representatives after the final rejection of this application. During the interview Applicant's representatives described the claimed invention. Independent claims 1, 19, 22 and 28 were then discussed and compared to the primary reference, Herman et al. In addition, several potential amendments to the claims were discussed. After this discussion the Examiner indicated that amendments directed to printing on first and second photosensitive substrates appear to distinguish over the cited references.

In the final Office action dated February 20, 2004, all of the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By this Amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22 and 28 and added claim 37 as set forth above. Accordingly, claims 1 - 37 are now pending in this application.

The amended claims relate to a multi-pass printing method or system. A printing device prints a first image segment onto a first area of a photosensitive coated substrate. Next, at least one of the printing device and the photosensitive coated substrate are moved relative to one another. The printing device then prints a second image segment onto a second area of the photosensitive coated substrate. In conjunction with this, intensity is modified, attenuated or changed in a buffer region.

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In view of these amendments Applicant respectfully submits
that the claims are patentable over the cited references.

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